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At 4 p.m. Marquis MATSUOAIRA telephoned me to say that the resignation 'en bloc' of the cabinet had been decided at a special Cabinet meeting. I had my audience with the Emperor from 4:10 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. Prince KONOYE tendered the general resignation of his Ministry at 9 p.m. I proceeded to the Palace in response to a summons from His Majesty to receive an Imperial order as to the incoming Cabinet as follows: "The Premier has tendered the general resignation of his Ministry *we have ordered the Lord Chamberlain to invite the President of the Privy Council and the ex-Premiers to gather at the Palace and* ask their opinions in order to reply to our question as to who the suitable person I talked with the Chief Secretary to arrange tomorrow's procedure and went back home at 10:30 p.m.

- * In regard to the selection of a Premier of the next Cabinet
- * the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal will

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信夫勢ト會食ス

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等ノ人々ノ意見ヲ徵シ選任者ヲ奉答セ
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篠子孝彦來遅

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I left for Tokyo by train, leaving at 8:44 a.m. and proceeded to my office. I met HARA, President of the Privy Council, WAKATSUKI, OKADA, ABE, YONAI, HAYASHI and HIROTA at 1 p.m. Mr. KANROJI, Vice Lord Chamberlain, delivered an Imperial message, and then I expressed my opinion as follows: As stated by the Vice Lord Chamberlain, I received the Imperial Order to give a reply after gathering Your Excellency's opinions.

"The Emperor has ordered me to gather your opinions before I make a reply to the Throne regarding the Premier of the succeeding Cabinet. I, therefore, would like to have your frank opinions on this matter as I had on a previous occasion. Of course as you all know this is not a formal conference and no resolutions will be passed, but I should like to have a heart-to-heart talk in a friendly atmosphere. Our utterances in this place are expected to be kept confidential."

A copy of the Premier's resignation was circulated for reference.

WAKATSUKI questioned me as to the purpose of the resignation and the diplomatic problems (i.e. the clash of opinions between the Premier and Foreign Minister). ABE stressed the necessity of having Prince KONOYE as Premier; OKADA recommended Prince KONOYE, as a person good for the military and capable of exercising general control over all lines of political circles; HAYASHI held the same opinion as ABE and OKADA; HARA did not differ from the above-mentioned; HIROTA laid stress upon the reinforcement of G.H.Q. and the formation of a military Cabinet, but he consented to the opinion of the rest upon my explanation of the establishment of G.H.Q. In the palace YONAI said no other person than Prince Konoye would do, that Prince KONOYE was the most suitable man to cope with the present difficulty. WAKATSUKI supported Prince KONOYE though his attitude was not positive. We recommended Prince KONOYE unanimously and closed our meeting at 2 p.m. The Emperor and Empress returned to Tokyo from their Hayama Villa. I visited the Emperor from 3:30 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. to report on the progress of our meeting, while the Lord Chamberlain telephoned to Prince KONOYE to request his presence at the Palace. At 5:05 p.m. Prince KONOYE proceeded to the Palace to receive the Imperial command to form a cabinet. After his audience, I met and talked with him. OHASHI, Vice Foreign Minister, visited me at 5:50 p.m. to explain the draft understanding between the U.S.A. and this country.

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七月十七日(水)

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